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YEAS—396

Abercrombie Deal (GA) Kirk
Ackerman DeFazio Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Aderholt DeGette Kissell
Adler (NJ) DeLauro Klein (FL)
Akin Dent Kline (MN)
Alexander Diaz-Balart, L. Kosmas
Altmire Diaz-Balart, M. Kratovil
Andrews Dicks Kucinich
Arcuri Dingell Lamborn
Austria Doggett Lance
Baca Donnelly (IN) Langevin
Bachmann Dreier Larsen (WA)
Bachus Driehaus Larson (CT)
Baird Duncan Latham
Baldwin Edwards (MD) LaTourette
Barrow Edwards (TX) Latta
Bartlett Ehlers Lee (CA)
Barton (TX) Ellison Lee (NY)
Bean Ellsworth Levin
Becerra Emerson Lewis (CA)
Berkley Eshoo Lewis (GA)
Berman Fallin Linder
Berry Farr LoBiondo
Biggert Fattah Loeb sack
Billbray Filner Lofgren, Zoe
Bilirakis Flake Lowey
Bishop (GA) Fleming Lucas
Bishop (NY) Forbes Luetkemeyer
Bishop (UT) Fortenberry Lujan
Blackburn Foster Lummis
Blumenauer Foxx Lungren, Daniel
Blunt Frank (MA) E.
Boccioli Frelinghuysen Lynch
Boehner Fudge Mack
Bonner Gallegly Maffei
Bono Mack Garrett (NJ) Maloney
Boozman Gerlach Manzullo
Boren Giffords Marchant
Boswell Gingrey (GA) Markey (CO)
Boucher Gohmert Markey (MA)
Boustany Gonzalez Marshall
Boyd Goodlatte Massa
Brady (PA) Gordon (TN) Matheson
Brady (TX) Granger Matsui
Braley (IA) Graves McCarthy (CA)
Bright Grayson McCarthy (NY)
Brown (SC) Green, Al McCaul
Brown-Waite, Green, Gene McClintock
Ginny Grijalva McCollum
Buchanan Guthrie McCotter
Burton (IN) Gutierrez McDermott
Butterfield Hall (NY) McGovern
Buyer Hall (TX) McHenry
Calvert Halvorson McHugh
Camp Hare McIntyre
Campbell Harman McKeon
Cantor Hastings (FL) McMorris
Cao Hastings (WA) Rodgers
Capito Heinrich McNeerney
Capps Heller Meek (FL)
Capuano Hensarling Melancon
Cardoza Herger Mica
Carnahan Herseth Sandlin Michaud
Carney Higgins Miller (FL)
Carson (IN) Hill Miller (MI)
Carter Himes Miller (NC)
Cassidy Hinchey Miller, Gary
Castle Hinojosa Miller, George
Castor (FL) Hirono Minnick
Chaffetz Hodes Mitchell
Chandler Hoekstra Mollohan
Childers Holden Moore (KS)
Clarke Holt Moore (WI)
Clay Honda Moran (KS)
Clever Hoyer Moran (VA)
Clyburn Hunter Murphy (CT)
Coffman (CO) Inglis Murphy (NY)
Cohen Inslee Murphy, Patrick
Cole Israel Murphy, Tim
Conaway Issa Murtha
Connolly (VA) Jackson (IL) Myrick
Cooper Jenkins Nadler (NY)
Costa Johnson, E. B. Napolitano
Costello Jones Neal (MA)
Courtney Jordan (OH) Neugebauer
Crenshaw Kagen Nunes
Crowley Kanjorski Nye
Cuellar Kaptur Oberstar
Culberson Kennedy Obey
Cummings Kildee Olson
Dahlkemper Kilpatrick (MI) Oliver
Davis (AL) Kilroy Ortiz
Davis (CA) Kind Pascarell
Davis (IL) King (IA) Pastor (AZ)
Davis (KY) King (NY) Paulsen
Davis (TN) Kingston Pelosi

Pence Perlmutter Sanchez, Linda
Perriello T. Teague
Peters Sarbanes Terry
Peterson Scalise Thompson (CA)
Petri Schakowsky Thompson (MS)
Pingree (ME) Schauer Thompson (PA)
Pitts Schiff Thornberry
Platts Schmitt Tiahrt
Poe (TX) Schock Tiberi
Polis (CO) Schrader Tierney
Pomeroy Schwartz Titus
Posey Scott (GA) Tonko
Price (GA) Scott (VA) Towns
Price (NC) Sensenbrenner Tsongas
Putnam Serrano Turner
Quigley Sessions Upton
Radanovich Shadegg Van Hollen
Rahall Shea-Porter Velázquez
Rangel Sherman Visclosky
Rehberg Shimkus Walden
Reichert Shuster Walz
Reyes Simpson Wamp
Richardson Sires Wasserman
Rodriguez Skelton Schultz
Roe (TN) Slaughter Watson
Rogers (AL) Smith (NE) Watt
Rogers (KY) Smith (TX) Waxman
Rogers (MI) Smith (WA) Welch
Rohrabacher Snyder Westmoreland
Rooney Souder Wexler
Roskam Space Whitfield
Ross Spratt Wittman
Roybal-Allard Stark Wolf
Royce Stupak Woolsey
Rush Sutton Wu
Ryan (OH) Tanner Yarmuth
Ryan (WI) Tauscher Young (AK)
Taylor Young (FL)

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—37

Barrett (SC) Jackson-Lee Salazar
Broun (GA) (TX) Sanchez, Loretta
Brown, Corrine Johnson (GA) Sestak
Burgess Johnson (IL) Shuler
Coble Johnson, Sam Smith (NJ)
Conyers Lipinski Speier
Delahunt McMahon Stearns
Doyle Meeks (NY) Sullivan
Engel Pallone Waters
Etheridge Payne Weiner
Franks (AZ) Ros-Lehtinen Wilson (OH)
Griffith Rothman (NJ) Wilson (SC)
Harper Ruppersberger

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are less than 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today, I was unable to vote on the following bills: H.J. Res. 40, H. Res. 421, and H. Res. 489. If I had been able to make these votes, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, due to events in my congressional district, I was unable to vote today. If I were present, I would vote "yea" to the following bills:

H. Res. 421, recognizing and commending the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on its 75th year anniversary;

H.J. Res. 40, Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009;

H. Res. 489, recognizing the 20th anniversary of the brutal suppression of protesters and citizens in and around Tiananmen Square.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FLAKE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I hereby notify the House of my intention to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of my resolution is as follows:

Whereas, The Hill reported that a prominent lobbying firm, founded by Mr. Paul Magliocchetti and the subject of a "federal investigation into potentially corrupt political contributions," has given \$3.4 million in political donations to no less than 284 members of Congress.

Whereas, the New York Times noted that Mr. Magliocchetti "set up shop at the busy intersection between political fund-raising and taxpayer spending, directing tens of millions of dollars in contributions to lawmakers while steering hundreds of millions of dollars in earmarks contracts back to his clients."

Whereas, a guest columnist recently highlighted in Roll Call that "... what [the firm's] example reveals most clearly is the potentially corrupting link between campaign contributions and earmarks. Even the most ardent earmarkers should want to avoid the appearance of such a pay-to-play system."

Whereas, multiple press reports have noted questions related to campaign contributions made by or on behalf of the firm; including questions related to "straw man" contributions, the reimbursement of employees for political giving, pressure on clients to give, a suspicious pattern of giving, and the timing of donations relative to legislative activity.

Whereas, Roll Call has taken note of the timing of contributions from employees of the firm and its clients when it reported that they "have provided thousands of dollars worth of campaign contributions to key Members in close proximity to legislative activity, such as the deadline for earmark request letters or passage of a spending bill."

Whereas, the Associated Press highlighted the "huge amounts of political donations" from the firm and its clients to select members and noted that "those political donations have followed a distinct pattern: The giving is especially heavy in March, which is prime time for submitting written earmark requests."

Whereas, clients of the firm received at least three hundred million dollars worth of earmarks in fiscal year 2009 appropriations legislation, including several that were approved even after news of the FBI raid of the firm's offices and Justice Department investigation into the firm was well known.

Whereas, the Associated Press reported that "the FBI says the investigation is continuing, highlighting the close ties between special-interest spending provisions known as earmarks and the raising of campaign cash."

Whereas, the persistent media attention focused on questions about the nature and timing of campaign contributions related to the firm, as well as reports of the Justice Department conducting research on earmarks and campaign contributions, raise concern about the integrity of Congressional proceedings and the dignity of the institution. Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved, That (a) the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, or a subcommittee of the committee designated by the committee and its members appointed by the chairman and ranking member, shall immediately begin an investigation into the relationship between the source and timing of past campaign contributions to Members of the House related to the raided firm and earmark requests made by Members of the House on behalf of clients of the raided firm.

(b) The Committee on Standards of Official Conduct shall submit a report of its findings to the House of Representatives within 2 months after the date of adoption of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Arizona will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on official business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" for the adoption of H. Res. 421, recognizing and commending the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on its 75th year anniversary; I would have voted "aye" on adoption of H.J. Res. 40, Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009; and I would have voted "aye" on H. Res. 489, recognizing the 20th anniversary of the brutal suppression of protesters and citizens in and around Tiananmen Square.

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STOP SELLING AMERICA TO CHINA

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. On the last resolution, I heard earlier tonight my friend from California (Mr. BERMAN) who has a heart for those who suffer around this world, and I certainly acknowledge that.

In support of the resolution of remembering the devastation in Tiananmen Square, he asked a question about how China could rightfully take a place among the superpowers, or among the world powers, when there is so much left unresolved about Tiananmen Square. Who was shot? Who was killed? I have an answer. They're buying America. We're going into debt bigger and bigger every day, and they're buying us, so they can kind of do what they want as long as they're

buying America. The answer that it started with Bush is not a good answer because, yes, it did. So stop already. We were promised change. Let's change. Let's stop running up debt, and let's stop selling this country to China.

STANDING ALONGSIDE PAKISTAN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the eyes of the world have been watching the terrible conflict in Pakistan. They have watched the Pakistani military attempt to free certain areas of terrorist interests that would undermine the peace and security of that nation.

I would hope that we would all support the idea of peace and security. I believe in peace over conflict. I actually am appalled at the level of violence, but we must support the people of Pakistan and its military, which has risen to the occasion to fight against those who would undermine the civilian government. We can't have it both ways, and they are not doing this at the behest of the United States Government but for their own people.

We must also join in the humanitarian aid to give to those 2.5 million people who are now being evacuated. We must be prayerful about the young people who were abducted, and we must praise again the Pakistani military, which itself has lost lives. We now need to stand alongside this country and not forsake it and stand for its democracy and its security.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RURAL CAUCUS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House today to bring attention to the Congressional Rural Caucus, of which I have the privilege of being vice Chair, along with my colleague from across the aisle, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. The caucus is being led by co-Chairs Mr. CHILDERS of Mississippi and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, whom I commend for their bipartisan spirit and for their ability to reach across this so-often divided aisle in order to push for the betterment of rural issues—our rural values and our rural way of life.

The Rural Caucus has re-formed and is alive and well. Together, we will focus on issues of telecom, education and workforce development, transportation, and health care.

In January, the Congressional Rural Caucus penned a letter to the President asking him to form an Office of Rural Policy to complement the recently created Office of Urban Policy. Today, I echo that call, and I encourage the administration to make a commitment to create communities of choice, not of

destiny, where no one should ever be at a disadvantage because of where one is born or chooses to live.

MEDIA SHOULD NOT ALLOW VOTING TO INFLUENCE REPORTING

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, at the recent White House Correspondents' Dinner, President Obama joked to the reporters in attendance: "Most of you covered me. All of you voted for me."

Some jokes are true; and, unfortunately, this joke is on the American people.

According to Investor's Business Daily, journalists who gave campaign money to then-Senator Obama outnumbered those who contributed to Senator MCCAIN by a 20-1 margin. The media gave money to him. They voted for him. Now they're giving him a free pass.

According to one analysis, network newscasts have portrayed the President as a deficit fighter five times more often than they have portrayed him as a big spender even though his budget will double the national debt in 5 years and will triple it in 10.

Yes, the media voted for President Obama, but they should not allow their voting to influence their reporting.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HIMES). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE COMPLEX EMERGENCY IN PAKISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CUMMINGS. Recently, Mr. Speaker, I met with a distinguished group of Pakistani Americans whom I proudly represent in the Seventh Congressional District of Maryland. I listened to their perspectives regarding the current situation in Pakistan.

Ladies and gentlemen, I rise today to share their concerns, and I urge each of you to recognize the complex emergency that is taking place in Pakistan. The situation requires our immediate attention and assistance.

As you should be aware, more than 3 million people have been displaced from the Swat Valley area of Pakistan since early April 2009. At a rate of approximately 85,000 people fleeing per day, the unfolding internal displacement crisis in Pakistan is the fastest movement of people in such massive numbers since the Rwandan genocide